

being made with the object of inviting the attention of the Central Government to the happenings going on at Hampi in order to activate it to take steps for protecting and preserving the most important archaeological wealth of the Nation.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): No, no; it is not permitted. You can only read the approved texts. That is a rule. You cannot deviate from that.

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: It is all right, Sir. ..(Interruptions)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): No, no. It will not go on the record.

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: Sir, I am not saying anything on the topic. I wish that there should be quorum at the time of Special Mention.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): Shri Ganga Charan, not there; Shri Tarlochan Singh; not there. Those who have given Special Mentions are also not here, then what can I do? Now, Shri Tarini Kanta Roy.

Demand for regular flights to and from Cooch Bihar airport

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I rise to draw the attention of the Ministry of Civil Aviation to replies of Unstarred Question No. 1882, dated 18.03.2008, wherein it was stated that "The airport of Cooch Bihar has been declared operational for VFR flights for aircraft up to ATR-42. Thereafter, neither a single flight has landed nor took off from Cooch Bihar Airport though more than one year has passed. Incidentally, it may please be pointed out that the Union Government has already spent Rs.20 crores for renewal of runway and construction of the boundary wall. The Government of West Bengal has incurred an expenditure of Rs.11, 30,00,000 in 2006-07 for acquiring land and other civil works. The airport needs to be fully operational. The people of Cooch Bihar, Dooars, Jalpaiguri, Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and part of Meghalaya will be benefited as this will open a new door of communication. I urge upon the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, to take early action, so that the Cooch Bihar Airport may be made fully and commercially operational.

SHRI MATILAL SARKAR (Tripura): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

Demand to set up an astrophysical institute at Patna in Bihar in memory of Aryabatta

DR. C.P. THAKUR (Bihar): On 22nd July, 2009, *i.e.*, today, a total solar eclipse occurred which was best visible near Patna and better from Taregna near Patna, a place from where Aryabhata used to study the stars. There is another Taregna which is situated in the west of this Taregna and he himself lived at Khagol, his name is also derived from Khagol. If these three places are joined, it forms an equilateral triangle. He first said that the Earth moves around the Sun. To commemorate the